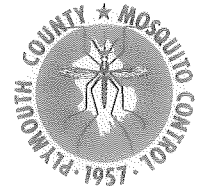




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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, June 27, 2018 the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at Project Headquarters in Kingston at 10:00 am. All Commissioners were present, along with Supt. Steve Gillett, Asst. Supt./Pilot Ross Rossetti, and Admin. Assistant Denise Deluca. There were no members of the public present.

Chairman Kenney called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Project Administration

The minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Expenses for the last period were reviewed, with no issues noted.

Commissioner's Reports – Both Commissioners Sharland and Drinan again noted their continued interactions on social media towards promoting the Project for nuisance spraying. Both noted that they are now seeing members of these large town social media groups promote the Project for nuisance spraying when someone asks what to do about mosquito control in their yard.

Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

The RFP Agency Forms for the new facility have been signed by the SRB and DCAMM.

Seasonal employees are working out very well.

West Nile Virus has been found in Weymouth (Norfolk County), but none yet in Plymouth County.

Ross has completed and graduated from the Commonwealth Core Management Program. He and Steve attended the graduation ceremony along with the other 125 students (300 had applied) and they were addressed by several high ranking state officials. The Board offered its congratulations to Ross for taking this initiative.

Nuisance (yard) spraying requests are at 6626 for the season to date, which is 1300 more than last year at this time.

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A poster size rendition of our Mosquito Facts sheet is to be made for Dan Daly to use on an easel at his presentations. The pamphlets will still be handed out as part of the presentations.

Water Management - Since our last meeting, larval sites checked totaled 1242 and basins treated totaled 17,164. Machine digging was carried out in Bridgewater at the prison complex, in Kingston at the Rte. 53 DOT facility, in Mattapoisett on Snowfields Road and in Wareham at Swifts Beach for a total of 1765 linear feet.

Ross reviewed a large salt marsh project in Scituate that is in the planning/permitting stage. Winter storms pushed material up into the marshes and blocked lagoon outfalls so there are now large areas of standing water. The Town of Scituate officials and local residents have asked for the work to be done and so far, the Army Corp of Engineers is in agreement with issuing a permit for the work, which will involve approximately 14,000 feet of machine digging with the Project's salt marsh machine. Ross noted that the Corps has a new General Permit, that once issued, does not have to be renewed. This project is planned for the Fall of this year.

Community Liaison

In Dan's absence, Steve related the following:

Dan has been involved with the Conifer Green Mobile Home Park in Kingston. Most of the owners of homes there would like yard spraying, but there are two No Sprays. Close proximity of the homes to each other had caused some tension about the issue. At a residents/owners meeting, to discuss the issue, Dan provided information about our methods and materials. It appears that the situation has been resolved, which will allow the Project to move forward with yard spraying throughout the park.

Dan has been visiting with Boards of Health, and as part of those visits, he has been promoting our new tire pick up service.

He is waiting for WATD's invitation for an interview. This will be the 11th year in a row that he will be interviewed.

Dan continues to explore opportunities to have a table at local farmers markets.

Other Business/Comment - None

Public Comment/Input - None

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,


John Sharland, Secretary